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## FOOD CRISIS BATTLE Britain To Surrender 200,000 Tons More Wheat; "A Sheer Gamble" Hoover Statement Denied

**CHURCH  
AND  
POLITICS**

London, May 18.  
The Catholic Church in Italy will throw its full weight into the coming elections, said a professor of Gregorian University in Rome in a broadcast over the Vatican radio on "The Present Hour in Italy."

Explaining the attitude of the Catholic Church toward the elections, the professor said the question of monarchy or republic was of no concern to the Church, since the Church is indifferent to any form of government. But there were still Italians who believed that they could be within the Church and at the same time follow Marxist philosophy.

To enlighten the Catholics on this point and save "the Christian situation in Italy"—as the Pope recently said—the professor declared that all churches throughout Italy would celebrate next Sunday (preceding the general election) as a day of "Constitutional assembly," stressing the precise duty of every Christian to go to the polls.—Reuter.

Washington, May 18.  
Legislation directing the War Department to return for burial in this country the bodies of approximately 300,000 Americans who died abroad since September 1929, was signed by President Truman yesterday.—Associated Press.

## Truman Takes Over U.S. Railways

Washington, May 18.  
President Truman last night signed an executive order, seizing the American railroads. The President took over in an effort to prevent the strike scheduled for 9 p.m. GMT on Saturday.

Minutes before the executive order, union leaders left the White House saying that they would not ask their men to stay on the job if the Government seized the lines.

Asked whether the strike would go on as scheduled, President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Trainmen said "Yes, sir."

Mr. Truman in a statement called upon the workers to co-operate and remain on the job. The White House said the Office of Defense Transportation would operate the carriers. A strike of 250,000 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen would immediately cripple a railway transportation system of more than 225,000 miles of track throughout the entire nation within a week if the strike remains effective.

**Serious Consequences.**  
Observers predict such far-reaching consequences as a breakdown of freight shipping, the closing of key industries because of the lack of fuel and raw materials and the gradual slowing down of the nation's economic life resulting in losses that might take months or years to be recovered.

The effect of any rail strike will be intensified, because it follows the recent strikes of motor-cars, electrical goods, steel, copper, lead and coal mining industries.

American industry is still struggling to recover from the disastrous coal strike which was suspended with a twelve-day truce on May 18.

**Not Supplies.**  
Railways are now operating on restricted schedules because of the lack of fuel and raw materials.

## Surprise For 60 British Widows

London, May 18.  
Sixty British widows are in for a pleasant surprise when the postman gives a double knock at their doors some day within the next few weeks to deliver parcels from Queensland, Australia.

The women have been chosen for their thriftiness and for the burden they have borne during the war years.

The husband of each was killed and each has three children.

Their names have been sent by the Ministry of Pensions to a group of Queensland women, who will reward them with parcels of Australian food and luxuries.

The women are scattered throughout Britain and the arrival of the parcels will be a complete surprise.—Reuter.

## Threat Averted

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Reporting that the deficit gap has been materially closed, he added that means of doing this had yet to be implemented by the Combined Food Board and would inevitably mean a cut in most nations' requirements.

**A Blow**  
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Mr. Morrison condemned the allegation made by Mr. Hoover that Britain was in a position to surrender 800,000 tons. "His allegation that we have got such stocks is absolutely unfounded—and I think I know as much about British food stocks as anybody. I deny it completely."

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Baghdad, May 18.  
Five Iraqi political parties met to discuss recommendations on Anglo-American Inquiry Committee recommendations on Palestine.—Associated Press.

After several months' negotiations, the U.S. State Department announced no money payment would be required in the lend-lease settlement, because approximately equal benefits would be received by the United States and the recipient countries.

Asked whether the new cut would mean bread rationing in Britain, Mr. Morrison said, "I am not sure. I do not want to do it if I can help—it does not smell good to me. But the British Government will have to decide to carry on as at present and squeeze through till September—it would be an awfully tight squeeze, a sheer gamble."

Announcing a general agreement between the British and United States governments on food, as a result of his talks here this week, Mr. Morrison told correspondents that he and American officials had also agreed in principle on a rationing level for the British, American and probably French Zones of Germany. While details of such agreement had yet to be worked out, he expressed confidence that the impending crisis in the British Zone could be averted.

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## ITALIAN LABOUR

London, May 18.  
The "Evening News" reported today that thousands of skilled Italian foundry workers, unemployed in their own country, may be brought to Great Britain to break the 12-hour shortage in British foundries.

When the suggestion first came before the Recruitment Committee of the Ministry of Labour, it was rejected outright by the unions, says the "Evening Standard"—Reuter.

## Went For Wife, Brought Cows

Melbourne, May 18.  
H. A. Burns of Adelaide went to England to bring back his English bride—and returned to Melbourne with four bulls and four heifers instead. Transport for Mrs. Burns just couldn't be found.

Burns met his wife while he was in the service in London and returned to Australia expecting his wife to follow him shortly. He waited a year, then got passage back to England.

The couple tried vainly to find a way to come back here together. Finally, he found that he could sail home alone again—providing he cared for eight head of prize cattle on the voyage. Now, at last, Burns has learned that his wife really is on her way.—Associated Press.

## SPANISH COMMUNIST TRIALS OPEN

Madrid, May 18.  
Charges against one of the four Spanish Communists charged before a Court Martial here today with Military rebellion—Ramon Gomez, son of Tripo Gomez, the well-known former trade union leader, were dropped by the prosecution, late today.

The prosecution demanded 20-year sentences for the most prominent of the accused, Santiago Alvarez, Sebastian Zapirain and two others, two years for the only woman charged, Margarita Rivalta, and five others, and five years for three of the men.

The defence maintained that there was no case against Zapirain and Alvarez since they had committed no offence between the time of their arrival in Spain and their arrest.

The charge against Margarita Rivalta should also be withdrawn, it was contended.

Zapirain said he should have been tried by a civil court. He denied taking part in the production of clandestine newspapers either in Spain or in America.

Alvarez, who, with Zapirain, has been in prison since last August, said that since the Spanish civil war he had lived in Cuba, running a business of his own.

## Civil War Fighter

"I asked the leaders of the Spanish Communists in Mexico to send me back to Spain. I felt it my patriotic duty. I landed at Barcelona under another name. In July last, I was arrested together with Zapirain at a meeting on August 25."

He admitted that he had written a pamphlet, found on him, urging the Communists to attack farms and shops, with the help of guerrillas, where necessary.

Zapirain, former reporter of the Spanish Communist newspaper Mundo Obrero, said: "I was arrested together with Alvarez and two others at a meeting on August 25."

## GUN DUEL IN HEART OF VICTORIA

CROWDS HUNDREDS STRONG JAMMED DES VOEUX ROAD AND THE PRAYA OPPOSITE DOUGLAS WHARF FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN AN EFFORT TO WITNESS A GUN BATTLE BETWEEN POLICE AND ARMED GANGSTERS WHICH, AT ONE TIME, LOOKED LIKE DEVELOPING INTO A MINIATURE OF LONDON'S SYDNEY STREET SIEGE.

THE GANGSTERS, TRAPPED IN THE PREMISES THEY WERE RANSACKING WHEN A POLICE PARTY SUDDENLY APPEARED ON THE SCENE, OPENED FIRE ON A SQUAD OF DETECTIVES FROM CENTRAL STATION LED BY INSPECTORS WATSON AND MCCAHEY.

Two of the robbers raced through the corridor in an attempt to make the street through No. 16, Connaught Road China, without which there will be the wrist in an exchange of fire with Insp. Watson.

The gangsters, four in number, entered the first floor of 21, Connaught Road Central, the offices of the Tai Ping Motor Junk Company, at about 2.30 p.m. The police were on the scene 15 minutes later.

Immediately upon entering the premises they divided forces, two proceeding to the front and two to the rear part of the office.

**Visitors Tied Up**  
The inmates were herded into the back room where their hands were tied behind their backs with wire. Visitors who dropped in casually were allowed to enter and then tied up at pistol point. The robbers had managed to get the safe open when the police arrived.

The police were informed of the robbery by telephone, the occupants of the premises next door communicating with the station after their suspicions had been aroused by snatches of conversation overheard from the next room.

Hundreds were attracted to the scene by the shooting and the continuous arrival of police reinforcements. Traffic along Connaught Road was held up for some time as the area was cordoned off.

The robbers endeavored to escape by gaining the street through adjoining premises, two being caught in No. 16 and two more in No. 19, ground floor, the premises of Messrs. A. Kwai & Co., Shipchangers.

## BRITISH TO LEAVE INDIA

New Delhi, May 18.  
The British Cabinet mission's three members, facing questions by newsmen, asserted repeatedly today that this time the British definitely intend to leave India.

Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, said the liquidation of the Indian Office already has begun, but the Cabinet Mission will remain in India because "our next job is to get the plan accepted by the two main bodies—the Moslems and Hindus."

He added "No time limit has been set for the completion of the constitution since that is an affair of the Indians."

Jinnah is expected to state his views on the proposal today.—Associated Press.

## U.S. Reaction

Washington, May 18.  
Mr. Dean Acheson, acting Secretary of State, yesterday formed the British proposals for India as a statesmanlike and constructive solution toward the problem of independence.

This was the first official American government reaction to the plan.

Answering a news conference question, Acheson said that while he had not read the complete text of the British plan, it had impressed the United States Government favorably. He indicated that America looked with favour on both the long-range plan and the provision calling for the immediate establishment of an all-India Council.—Associated Press.

## What India Thinks

London, May 18.  
"What India thinks most, far more than her present internal constitution of positions of authority exercised for the time being by Englishmen under that constitution, is the idea that India, with her ancient civilization, and her present importance in world affairs, should be rated in the eyes of the world as subordinate, while China, in no respect her superior, should figure as one of the Great Powers," says Mr. L. S. Amery, former Secretary of State for India in a letter to "The Times."

"To get rid of that paranoiac and universal resentment, to my mind, the first step towards creating an atmosphere in which both India's future relationship to the Commonwealth and her own internal constitution can be profitably approached," he concluded.

Mr. Amery said he saw no reason why Britain should not declare that she will never have relations with the interim government, "as is no way different from our relations with the government of any other partner member of the Commonwealth or, for that matter, with any other nation outside the Commonwealth."—Reuter.

## THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Cloudy with occasional light rain, prolonged periods in the afternoon. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with occasional showers. Wednesday: Partly cloudy with occasional showers. Thursday: Partly cloudy with occasional showers. Friday: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.



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# GANDHI GIVES BLESSING

## U.S. Does Not Favour Communism

Washington, May 18. The State Department today endorsed a declaration by its ranking diplomat in Tokyo that the United States does not favour Communism in either the United States or Japan.

Mr. Dean Acheson, acting Secretary of State, at a news conference read the text of a statement made to the Allied Council in Tokyo on Wednesday by George Acheson Jr., Council Chairman and General MacArthur's diplomatic adviser.

The Russian member had demanded from MacArthur's headquarters information on charges in a Japanese May Day message presented to the Council.

Acheson, taking the issue with the Russian delegate, described the message as an attempt to spread Communist propaganda. He said the message had originally been drawn up in a foreign language and then translated into Japanese.

Mr. Acheson's statement said the United States supports full political liberties for Communists and others in Japan but does not favour Communism in either America or Japan.

After reading Acheson's declaration, Acheson said he concurred in it and the government supports it.—Associated Press.

## Too Much Like Hitler

Chicago, May 17. The American Library Association termed the decision of Allied authorities to bar Nazi publications from German bookstores and libraries as "shortsighted, unsound and contrary to democratic principles."

In a telegram to President Harry Truman asking that the order be revoked, an officer of the Association said:

"As officers of the American Library Association, we protest with all possible emphasis the reported decision of Allied authorities in Germany to confiscate and destroy Nazi publications. With full endorsement of the obvious motive to stamp out Nazism, we are confident that the method will be condemned in America and all over the world as being shortsighted and contrary to democratic principles. If the reports are true, we urge that the order be revoked."—Associated Press.

## BRITISH AGREEMENT WITH PERON

London, May 18. The British and Argentine Governments are today signing an agreement for the operation of reciprocal air services between their respective territories.

A 17½ hour reduction on the overall time taken on flights from Buenos Aires to London by British South American Airways' Lancastrian aircraft is announced. The revised schedule will come into force today.

British-South American Airways officials state that it will now be possible to travel from the Argentine to Britain in 54½ hours of which the actual flying time accounts for 35½ hours.—Reuter.

Athens, May 18. Premier Constantine Tsaldaris told Parliament today that Greek Communists are free to advocate their policies to "whatever extent is desirable within the limits of lawfulness." He did not explain what he regarded as the legal limits of Communist activity, but said that if the leftist group "elect" to prevail by means of terrorism it will be met as a revolution.—Associated Press.

## Stiff British Note To Warsaw

London, May 18. Britain, stung by a Polish official's assertion that UNRRA was using food for political purposes in Europe, told the war-liberated country yesterday that the remarks were "peculiarly inappropriate and offensive."

If British efforts on Poland's behalf are to be met in this way, said the curt official note released by the Foreign Office, "His Majesty's Government would know in the future that their aid should be reserved for those who know how to appreciate it."

The British attributed the remark to Poland's first vice-premier, M. Gromulka, in a speech made on April 30. The Foreign Office said that Gromulka was reported to have declared that UNRRA food was being used for "political purposes in the

# Commends India Plan To People Every Reason To Be Proud

NEW DELHI, MAY 18. MOHANDAS GANDHI TONIGHT COMMENDED TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE AT HIS EVENING PRAYER MEETING THE BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR A "UNION OF INDIA" AND SAID THEY CONTAIN "THE SEED TO CONVERT THIS LAND OF SORROW INTO ONE WITHOUT SORROW AND SUFFERING."

THE NATIONALIST PAPER "HINDU," THE MOST IMPORTANT ORGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF MADRAS, TODAY DESCRIBED THE PROPOSALS AS A "CONSTRUCTIVE SCHEME."

Whatever one may think of this or that detail of the scheme, it is not to be denied that it is constructive in character, progressive in outlook, and animated by a genuine desire to break the deadlock, which is largely of Britain's making.

The Nationalist "Sind Observer" of Karachi says the proposals "are not such as should be rejected out of court by any party in this country."

Mr. Gandhi said, "There are some who said the English were incapable of doing the right thing. I do not agree with them. The Mission and the Viceroy were as God-fearing as we ourselves claim to be."

"It is beneath our dignity as men to men to doubt a person before he is proved to be untrue to his word. Whatever the wrong done to India by the British, if the statement of the Mission is genuine, as I believe it is in discharge of an obligation they have declared the British owed towards India, namely to get off India's back."

He asked the people of India to examine the proposals, not from a parochial standpoint, but from that of the whole country. It was, he said, "open for a constituent assembly to abolish the distinction of Moslems and non-Moslems, which the mission had felt forced to recognise. The provinces are free to reject the very idea of grouping."

Q. O. C.'s Broadcast "Subject to these interpretations, the Mission has brought forth something of which they have every reason to be proud," concluded Mr. Gandhi.

General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India, broadcast to India's armed forces from New Delhi tonight, making it clear that when an interim government of Indian leaders is formed, his would serve under it "just as commanders in Britain serve under civilian ministers."

"I shall continue to be responsible for the command and welfare of the Army, Navy and Air Force but all political matters will be in the hands of the new War Member, under whom I shall serve," said the General.

Speaking in Hindustani, he briefly surveyed the Cabinet Mission's proposals for a new Indian constitution. The interim government which Field Marshal Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India, proposes to form would carry on the administration, while a new system of government, was being worked out, he said. "And in this temporary government the post of War Member—will be held by myself—will be held by a civilian, who will be an Indian General Auchinleck declared.

Danger Of Strife "There can be no doubt that today there is a danger of strife

and disorder in the country." While discussions and meetings were going on to decide how India would be governed in the future, "it is the duty of the Navy, Army and Air Force to continue to serve the Government and carry out its orders," he added.

"Whether you are in the Army, Navy or Air Force, you all know the good that comes from discipline and tolerance. You have also learned to live together, Hindu, Moslem, Sikh and Christian in the service of your country without quarrelling or jealousy," he said. "You have learned each to respect the other and work side by side for the object—the good of your country."

"In this, you have given an example to all India. I trust, as I have always trusted, that you will keep on setting this example and do your duty as I have always found you doing in war and peace," General Auchinleck said.

"I, for my part, shall do the same. So long as I am here you may rely on me to safeguard your interests in the future as in the past," concluded.

## FUTURE NOW INDIA'S

London, May 18. Political circles in Britain are now busily studying the Cabinet Mission's new plan for India, and reasoned reaction is not likely to be available for a few days. Even such champions of Indian independence as the Members of Parliament, Reginald Sorensen and W. G. Voce, are reluctant to comment until they have considered the new plan in detail, and had opportunity to assess reactions from political quarters in India, says Reuters political correspondent.

Comment in Parliamentary Labour circles is, for the present, confined to the statement that it is difficult to see what other course the Mission could have taken, and that while the Labour Government backs the Mission's proposals, the future is now in the hands of the people of India.

It is emphasised by Labour spokesmen that Britain has made it very clear to India that her desire for Indian independence is genuine and the Mission had made this abundantly clear to Indian political leaders.

A spokesman of the Conservative Party offered no detailed criticisms, but confined his comment to observing that the Party cannot see the Muslim League accepting the plan. Like the London press, the provincial newspapers make the new plan for India their main news story and carry lengthy editorials.

Lord Sinha, the only Indian peer, thanked the Mission for their practical statesmanship and understanding of the fact that the world position in 1946 was different from 1942.

Moscow Comment Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, said in Paris today that he required more time to study the new plan before making a statement on his country's attitude. The Soviet news agency in

## DESPERATE STRAITS IN U.S.

Washington, May 17. President Truman today announced at a press conference that he had asked Mr. John L. Lewis, Chairman of the United Mine Workers, and the coal owners, to submit their deadlocked contract negotiations to arbitration. He added that Mr. Lewis and Mr. Charles O'Neill (the owners' representative) had agreed that their own efforts to settle the controversy had failed.

"The country is in desperate straits as a result of the 42 days' stoppage of the mines, prior to the strike which began on May 15," the President declared.—Associated Press.

## THREAT TO LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, May 18. With only one week's supply, the port of Liverpool is today threatened with a complete stoppage of fresh meat, following the strike of 100 slaughtermen at Stanley, which began last Tuesday. Prospects of getting meat from alternative sources are slight, and the Jewish community is expected to be the first affected.—Reuter.

## General Auchinleck—Reuter. India Office

London, May 18. An immediate winding up of the India Office is not contemplated, an official of that department told the Associated Press today.

Asked if he could clarify the statement attributed to Lord Pethick Lawrence at a press conference in New Delhi that "liquidation of the India Office was proceeding already, and would keep pace with the constitution making," the official said: "It is thought Lord Pethick Lawrence was referring to the gradual transference of powers to India which had been going on for some years."

"This has meant that the number of staff employed at the India Office and the work which was in the hands of the Secretary will have to be considerably lessened," he continued. "The India Supply Commission took over the functions formerly performed by this office in connection with trade."

The future of the India Office, he added, was bound up with the final treaty which would define the future relationship between Britain and India.

Much would depend on whether India decided to remain within the British Commonwealth.—Associated Press.

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# H.K. Electric Company Strike Continues

## Molotov Away First

Paris, May 18. Three foreign ministers left here today for home within a few hours of each other after the postponement until June 15 of the "big four" conference on European peace settlement.

The Soviet foreign minister, M. Molotov, was the first away. The Russian delegation which will halt at Berlin on their way to Moscow occupied four Dakota aircraft.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was the next to leave. Those with him included his deputy, Mr. Gladwyn Jebb, who will return to Paris to discuss outstanding problems with the other "big four" deputies on May 27.

The last to leave was the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, whose plan for a peace conference on Germany next November was today described by the Russian news agency as "clearly a proposal which can give fresh hope to aggressive elements in Germany now trying to raise their heads." M. Molotov arrived back in Moscow tonight.—Reuter.

## British Cars Popular

Liverpool, May 18. South America will receive 1,000 motor cars monthly in shipping becomes available as rapidly as it is hoped. Already 28 ships are due to load vehicles at Liverpool during the next six weeks and the bulk will go to South America.

Cars are coming from the manufacturers so fast that the lack of storage space is preventing loading and at present 800 cars are awaiting shipment at Liverpool docks. The biggest demand is from South America, where it is stated here, dealers vie with each other in offering enhanced prices to importers for immediate delivery. To avoid delay, few cars are put in cases but are driven direct to the dockside and loaded from the road into the ships.—Reuter.

## EGYPTIAN TALKS CRITICISED

Moscow, May 18. Criticism of Anglo-Egyptian talks by the Egyptian press and politicians are quoted at length by Konstantine Schreznik today in the Soviet Army organ "Red Star." Schreznik said that according to "usually well-informed journalistic circles in Cairo," real discussions began behind the scenes long before the appointment of delegations.

He added: "The confidence of the Egyptian nationals in the righteousness of their cause and their right to act against all sorts of exploitations hidden from the people and threatening Egypt with a new bondage, new finds its expression in the statements of the defenders of Egyptian independence."—Reuter.

## ILLEGAL DREDGING

Five sampans owners, charged with breach of the Emergency (Anti-Chinese) Regulations were fined \$15 when they appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Bowloon Court yesterday. Defendants were, Lo Sze, 55, Chan Tung, 44, Kwok Sai-so, 10, Chan Yun, 50 and To Fook, 18.

Sub-Inspector Askew, prosecuting, stated that at 9.15 a.m. on May 14 a police launch had come across about 25 sampans engaged in dredging for shell-fish opposite the Yau-mai Police Station.

## AWARDS FOR SCIENTISTS

Paris, May 18. Two noted British scientists, both Nobel prize winners, will receive honorary degrees from the University of Lyons at the international celebration scheduled to take place on May 21.

## Cardinal's Red Hat Conferred

Vatican City, May 18. The red hat, insignia of the rank of Cardinal, was today conferred by Pope Pius XII upon Cardinal Jules Saliège, Archbishop of Toulouse.

There were no developments in the strike of over 400 employees of the Hong Kong Electric Company yesterday, and so far neither side has made any approach to effect a settlement of the dispute.

The strike, which started on the afternoon of Friday, has affected thousands of office workers who, with the stoppage of the trams, have been deprived of their main means of transport to and from outlying areas.

The full burden has fallen on the buses, which throughout the day were jammed to overflowing; no attempt could be made to restrict the accommodation to the legal maximum as each bus was literally mobbed at the stopping points.

Most office workers in the central district walked to and from work, but every conceivable form of transport was brought into use by enterprising Chinese who reaped a harvest all day.

Motor lorries, riskshaws, bicycles and tricycles did a roaring trade, fares charged being way above the official rates laid down by law.

## Horse Carts

Most unusual form of transport observed yesterday was a number of wooden carts drawn by horses. The owners of these vehicles were charging \$1 from Wanchai to the central district. Owing to the cutting off of current to several districts dealers in candles and kerosene lamps quickly sold out, the prices paid in some cases for candles being \$1.80. Some shops were observed hiring out lamps.

An official of the China Light and Power Company stated yesterday that there is no indication of any likelihood of the strike spreading to their employees.

## Strikers' Meeting

"Solidarity and Discipline" were the key-words of another meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were gazetted yesterday:—Colonel Charles Beaver, Hartley Delamain, O.B.E., M.C., to be Senior Civil Affairs Officer. Mr. Lancelot Ruggles Anderson to be Crown Solicitor. Mr. Charles John Roe resumed duty as Secretary of the Urban Council. Mr. Geoffrey Cadzow Hamilton to be an assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Mr. Richard Lee to be Rice Controller. Mr. Arthur St. George Walton to act as Inspector of Schools.

Mr. John Forbes, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., Chartered Civil Engineer, to act as Waterworks Engineer. Appointments, effective from May 1 for a period of three years, were announced yesterday of members of the Nurses Board, Medical Board and Midwives Board, as follows:—Nurses Board:—Professor Gordon King, Dr. George Harold Thomas, M.B.E., Dr. Li Shue-pui, Miss Lau Mei-yuk, Miss Agnes Chue. Medical Board:—Mr. D. Brittan-Evans, Professor Gordon King, Dr. James William Anderson, Dr. Li Tao-yiu, Dr. Edward W. J. Sun. Midwives Board:—Professor Gordon King, Dr. John Harold McElney, Dr. Mary King, Dr. Wong Tsz-chuen, Dr. Cheng Siu-yue, Miss Ivy Nicol Watkins, Miss Leung Shoung-chi, Miss Florence Wong.

## SALE OF SHIP

The John Burke cargo steamer, Canonbar, has been sold to a shipping firm at Hong Kong, and is now in dock at Sydney being prepared for the voyage. For years the Canonbar traded between Sydney, Brisbane, Queensland ports, and the Gulf of Carpentaria. Built in 1910, the Canonbar is 708 tons and has a speed of about eight knots.

## Cardinal's Red Hat Conferred

Vatican City, May 18. The red hat, insignia of the rank of Cardinal, was today conferred by Pope Pius XII upon Cardinal Jules Saliège, Archbishop of Toulouse. Now only one of the 82 Cardinals named by the Pope last Christmas has not received the insignia. He is Cardinal John de Jongh, Archbishop of Utrecht, whose health has prevented him making the journey to Rome.—Reuter.

## RAID ON ALLEGED BROTHEL

The first raid on an alleged brothel was carried out by Mr. A.S.P. of Upper Level for a Station, assisted by Inspector Mui, at No. 2, Sai Street, second floor, and resulted in the arrest of a man and nine women on the premises on Friday evening.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, the man, Fung Si, was fined \$100. Nine women, including three amahs, charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose were each fined \$25.

A sum of \$83, seized at the alleged brothel was ordered to be confiscated.

## MONEY MART

Gold price spurted yesterday. It opened at \$500 per tola, nine points higher than the previous day's close, touched \$516 after a few jumps, and closed at \$513.

Chinese national currency was quiet, and the market closed with buyers at \$2.23 for futures and \$2.44 for spot (per CN\$1,000).

U.S. Dollars were unchanged at \$5.30, as was Sterling at \$17.40 and Australian pounds at \$12.80.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 18. The 10 a.m. quotations on the Shanghai market today were:—

Buying	Selling	
CN\$	CN\$	
Gold per ounce	184,750	185,250
U.S. Dollars	2,380	2,350
Hong Kong Dollars	413	418

The closing quotations were:—

Gold per ounce	189,000	190,000
U.S. Dollars	2,370	2,390
Hong Kong Dollars	415	425

—Unofficial market.

—Associated Press.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Flying Officer Murdo Ian MacLennan, Harbour View Hotel, Kowloon, to Leading Aircraft-woman Rachelle Gladys Hamford, St. Paul's Hotel Hong Kong.

# Telephone Company's Fine Record

ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE FEATURES OF HONG KONG'S REHABILITATION HAS BEEN THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TELEPHONE SERVICE. MORE THAN 12,600 LINES ARE NOW IN OPERATION—NEARLY THREE TIMES THE NUMBER WHEN HONG KONG WAS REOCCUPIED IN SEPTEMBER. THE FIGURE INCLUDES GOVERNMENT AND SERVICE LINES.

SO EAGER HAS THE PUBLIC BEEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SERVICE THAT TODAY TELEPHONE TRAFFIC IN HONG KONG IS 65 PER CENT. ABOVE THAT OF 1941 IN RELATION TO THE NUMBER OF LINES AVAILABLE.

Pointing out the difficulties experienced in re-establishing the telephone service and the improvisations which have been necessary to enable the service to be extended as far as possible, Mr. R. Farrell, acting manager of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., said that when Hong Kong was re-occupied the company's plant and apparatus were in a deplorable condition—a legacy of Japanese inefficiency. "There has been neither time nor the materials to carry out extensive general rehabilitation of the system, work can only be undertaken when the necessary telephone materials and spares begin to reach the Colony in sufficiently large quantities," he said.

## Heavy Loading

"Nevertheless, as a result of an intensive effort a high grade of service has been possible and many additional lines have been connected up, in order to enlarge, so far as current resources and safety will allow, the group of telephone users covering the whole of the Colony. This has increased the value of the service not only to the business community but also for administrative purposes. That its value is appreciated is clear from the very heavy loading of lines, resulting in the calls per line being much higher than before the war."

This factor however, said Mr. Farrell, was a cause of constant anxiety to the Company as it would be apparent that there is a limit to the load which any equipment will handle without breaking down completely.

## Below Normal

"This anxiety is accentuated by the knowledge that by reason of improvisations, lack of supplies, and the volume of work to be done by a tired and depleted staff, the standard of

maintenance must, of necessity, be below our normal requirements. Even if equipment for additional lines was available, it would be unwise to make connections which might jeopardise the system as a whole by increasing beyond a safe figure the load which the equipment is designed to carry."

Mr. Farrell warned that, with the advent of the wet season, apparatus and wiring which operated satisfactorily under lower humidities will develop faults on a much larger scale than under normal conditions. There must also be taken into consideration the difficulty of quickly making good these faults by reason of the lack of suitable materials and the time necessary to effect repairs.

## Every Effort

Mr. Farrell promised that every effort will be made to remedy defects as speedily as is consistent with the facilities available, but he warned that delays are inevitable and he asked subscribers to remember the efforts which have been called for to make the service available to them on a large scale, and of a standard that compares very favourably with the service given before the war. Subscribers can greatly assist by cutting down wherever practicable, the number of calls which they make—more particularly during the business rush periods from roughly 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m.

## PRICE CONTROLS

Further price controls were announced yesterday by the Acting Director, Supplies, Trade and Industries, Mr. W. M. Thomson. Maximum retail prices for Canadian flour is fixed at 40 cents a lb., and the maximum retail price for Oatmeal 30 cents a lb. and 42 cents a lb. for instant.

# Readers' Letters

## Reconstruction

Sir,—The Hong Kong Housing Committee have just completed an exhaustive report which is an impressive piece of work.

The Committee puts forward the suggestion that the cost of reconstruction should be borne by the community as a whole, in other words that the public generally, with the exception of the very poorest, ought to help the landlords to rebuild. The losses incurred by the monied class, in other words, should be made good at public expense.

By the same token, the owners of sunken ships should then be helped by the public to recover their ships or be given a share in the profits being made by those who are fortunate enough to have ships after the war.

And what about the losses of the poor? Should they not be repaid by the public too? After all, they did lose their odds and ends of furniture and personal effects. What a fine world it would be!

J.A.K.

## National Anthem

Sir,—It is a recognised gesture that with the playing of the National Anthem of any country, everyone present stands still as a mark of respect.

I view with distaste the attitude of some, who accept the playing of "God Save the King", at the end of a cinema performance, as their cue to vacate the theatre with a haste that practically leaves one breathless.

I am sorry to note, the Chinese appear the worse offenders in this respect, and wonder what their reaction would be if we showed the same attitude during the playing of the Chinese National Anthem.

## NORMANDY

## Fairy Tale

Sir,—Do you believe in fairies? It has been reported from usually unreliable sources that numbers of these little creatures are infiltrating into the Colony. As a result, the authorities are faced with a host of new problems. A typical example of this is the case of Leading Fairy Titania Syrup Waffle on whose behalf an Indent for Condensed Milk has been submitted to one of our service establishments. Any service personnel responsible for the supply of food, clothing and stores are advised to pay special attention to any such application, and to ensure that applicants are service personnel and not merely civilian employees. Unfortunately, such applications have not always been carefully investigated and on a recent occasion green doublets and hose were issued to a civilian leprechaun under the mistaken impression that he was a sports officer.

The position with regard to gnomes is particularly serious. A large number of these pests have their quarters at Kai Tak, many of them having a permanent residence in the aircraft there. This is contrary to regulations but all efforts to dislodge them have proved unsuccessful.

## NIGAL OATES

## "Cooperation"

Sir,—As a Serviceman I welcome E.R.A.'s declaration that he is not out to foster wars but to prevent them. Unfortunately many a war-nigger today hides under the cloak of peace-maker and one has to be careful. There were the many-times proclaimed intentions of Baldwin and Chamberlain "peace in our time," yet these policies were instrumental in preparing the ground for another world war.

The only way to preserve peace is by full cooperation of all the peace-loving nations (not Fascist Spain) under U.N.O. in particular the close working together of the "big four," because they are the only ones capable of waging modern war on any scale. It was this co-operation of the "big four" that assured the victory over Fascism, and today this cooperation is more important than ever to the maintenance of world peace. For this reason it is essential that differences and difficulties between the great powers are understood and removed as swiftly as possible.

One of the greatest difficulties of the present time is the non-recognition by some of the big powers of the national aspirations of small or large nations or only semi-independent. E.R.A. accuses Russia of staking her claims in Poland, Greece, Spain and China, but coming down to facts we find that there are no Russian troops in any of these countries; there are, however, British troops in Greece and American troops in China. And there are still plenty of German soldiers, scientists and technicians hiding out in that one remaining Fascist den, France, Spain.

Where is Russia, heedless of the Atlantic Charter? Her troops have been withdrawn from Manchuria, from Iran and from the Danish island of Bornholm. But British troops are

still in Java and U.S. troops still in Iceland! The Indonesian people have set up an independent republic, which they have every right to do, but in direct violation of the Atlantic Charter foreign troops are kept there and the Republican Government is refused recognition. Egypt and the whole Arab world are in revolt against the continued presence of foreign troops, and against interference in their internal affairs; Indians, Burmese and Malaysians have Governors appointed over them. Where indeed is the Atlantic Charter, the right of all nations to self-determination? Yet this war was fought for those very principles, to disregard them now is to lay the foundations for another one.

It is not enough to have a mere period without wars. We want a real constructive peace with work for everyone, where men build houses, schools and hospitals instead of tanks and submarines. The money spent on campaigns in Java could be spent very much better on reconstruction in London, Coventry and Glasgow. The Polish Fascist army in Italy has cost us over \$25 million but the Food Minister has had to stop the imports of eggs from America because the required \$20 million could not be spared. Our people cannot be properly housed, clothed and fed if millions of men, strewn all over the globe, are kept out of production. Only a return to peace, real peace, can produce the sort of world we have been fighting for.

Lastly, E.R.A. need not insult the Servicemen. A knowledge of world affairs can be gained by anyone who reads, travels, and keeps his eyes and ears open. The Service provides these opportunities, and if E.R.A. wants to know the opinions prevalent amongst Servicemen, let him go amongst them and find out for himself.

## A SERVICEMAN

## "DUTY-FREES" CASE

J. D. Leonard, Li Ki, Mui Sui Ki and Wong Ling were charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday with possession of 20,000 cigarettes on which duty had not been paid. Defendants were on bail of \$500 each.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the first and fourth defendants and pleaded not guilty on their behalf.

Appearing for the second and third defendants, Mr. E. S. C. Brooks pleaded not guilty on behalf of the second and guilty on behalf of the third defendant.

Inspector J. MacCahey gave evidence relative to events leading up to the arrest of the accused and seizure of the cigarettes at No. 31 D'Aguiar Street, 3rd floor.

Questioned by Mr. Silva, Inspector MacCahey admitted knowledge of the fact that Lieut. Jennings was laying a trap, but denied having said "Stick 'em up" when accused's car was surrounded. Inspector MacCahey also admitted having heard first defendant say he had dropped \$200 in the car.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brooks, Inspector MacCahey admitted that as the Naval people wanted to trap the gang responsible for buying Naval stores, arrangements had been made with the Naval Authorities to trap people.

Mr. Kwan fixed May 23 and May 25 at 10 a.m. for further hearing.

## HANDBAG THEFT

Wong So Mui and Lo Chun, charged with larceny of a handbag belonging to Sum Ling Ling, China Emporium Ballroom dance hostess, were discharged by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Wong Fook, charged with unlawful possession of 10 dance tickets, was sentenced to six months' hard labour. Accused had a previous conviction for larceny.

## EXTORTION CHARGE

Hearing of the case against Wong Shoung Kam, electrician, for extortion of \$15.00 from Li Tong at No. 146 Gloucester Road, on May 16, was fixed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan to be heard before Mr. C. She at 2.30 p.m. on May 23.

Mr. H. L. Kwan is appearing for Li Tong and Wong Shoung Kam is represented by Mr. F. H. Losely.

Accused was allowed bail.

## VICE-AD. EDELSTEN

Vice-Admiral J. H. Edlsten, who has been deputising for the Commander-in-Chief, during Admiral Lord Fraser's farewell tour, will leave the Colony tomorrow on H.M.S. Swiftsure for a visit to Batavia.

Vice-Admiral Edlsten commands the fourth cruiser squadron H.M.S. Swiftsure, which will call at Singapore and arrive at Batavia on June 17.



## WORLD RECORDS CLAIMED

Tokyo, May 18. The United States 5th Army Air Force Headquarters announced today that B-29s flying here from Guam have broken all world records for carrying loads to high altitudes.

The experimental flights were aimed to test the potentialities of Superforts and to break the existing records, most of which were held by Germany and Russia.

The record breaking flights were accomplished without accidents. In one flight, a B-29 carried a 1,000 kilogram load to more than 45,000 feet.—Associated Press.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES MAIL NOTICE

**Outward Mails**  
SUNDAY, 19th MAY.  
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.  
Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.  
MONDAY, 20th MAY.  
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.  
Canton (Sal On) 9.00 a.m.  
Manila P.I. (Mactan) 10.00 a.m.  
Shanghai (Hupoh) 10.00 a.m.  
Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Mauritius, Madagascar and Bombay (Sea Shark) 10.00 a.m.  
Bangkok (Edna) 10.00 a.m.  
Wuchow (Nam Lung) 1.00 p.m.  
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.  
Wuchow (Wing Sing) 3 p.m.  
Airmail for Canton and Hoihow (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.  
Kongmoon (Fook Hoi) 4.00 p.m.  
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.  
TUESDAY, 21st MAY.  
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.  
Airmail for Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.  
Manila P.I. (Wanderer Park) 10.00 a.m.  
Shanghai (Wing Sang) 10.00 a.m.  
Straits, Egypt and Europe via London (Glenapp) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.  
Straits (Anhui) 2.00 p.m.  
Airmail for Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.  
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.  
Canton (Fatsan) 9.00 a.m.  
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.  
Formosa (Kwok On) 10.00 a.m.  
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok and Saigon (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.  
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.  
THURSDAY, 23rd MAY.  
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.  
Saigon and Bangkok (M/V Mongolia) 3.00 p.m.  
Swatow and Amoy (Van Heutz) 3.00 p.m.  
Airmail for Canton, Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.  
FRIDAY, 24th MAY.  
Canton (Sal On) 10.00 a.m.  
Manila (King Haakon VII) 10.00 a.m.  
Shanghai (Feng Tien) 10.00 a.m.  
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Empire Gunboat) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 a.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.  
SATURDAY, 25th MAY.  
Airmail for Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.  
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.  
Manila P.I. (Louis Lykes) 5.00 p.m.  
Shanghai (Hanyang) 5.00 p.m.

## Shanghai Scramble On Import Market

SHANGHAI, MAY 18.

WHILE CHINESE EXPORT BUSINESS REMAINS IN THE DOLDRUMS BECAUSE OF THE PROHIBITIVE COST OF PRODUCTION, A SCRAMBLE HAS DEVELOPED FOR THE IMPORT MARKET AS BRITAIN AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, UNDAUNTED BY THE CHAOTIC ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE PREVALENT GENERAL UNCERTAINTY, MAKE A DETERMINED BID TO RECAPTURE THEIR PRE-WAR TRADE POSITIONS IN THIS COUNTRY.

AFTER PERMITTING AMERICAN MERCHANDISE TO ENJOY A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY FOR OVER SIX MONTHS, BRITISH, SWEDISH, SWISS AND OTHER EUROPEAN PRODUCTS ARE BEGINNING TO ARRIVE IN INCREASING VOLUME TO CHALLENGE AMERICAN SUPREMACY.

Since the start of the British worldwide export drive, some months ago, more and more British goods, British offers, British ships and British agents have been arriving in China, and this movement is expected to receive added impetus from two developments soon—conclusion of a new Anglo-Chinese trade agreement, now in course of negotiation, and arrival of a British trade mission.

However, according to all expert opinion, there is no likelihood of the Americans being ousted from their present leading position in the Chinese import market for a long time to come—if ever. But the British are generally conceded to have secured a firm grip on second place.

## Flying Start

The Americans have to thank their flying start, while their European rivals were busily rehabilitating and reconverting, for their present strong position here.

For example, American shipping lines had resumed regular Shanghai sailings before the first British commercial ship reappeared in Chinese waters; American goods had flooded the port of Shanghai before any British or European products began arriving; and negotiations for a new Sino-American commercial pact began long before talks started for a new Sino-British agreement.

The China import market, however, is still capable of considerable expansion judging from pre-war records. According to Customs statistics, China imported twice as much from Europe as from the United States before 1937, although American imports far surpassed those from any one European country.

## CHINESE IN HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood, May 18.

Hanson Hwang, former secretary (1936-38) of the Shanghai branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, is en route to China as Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's director of the 16mm motion picture programme there.

Hwang received his bachelor of arts degree at the university of Shanghai and his master's degree at the university of Pennsylvania, after which he was employed as a clerk in New York's Bank of China from 1940 to 1942. From 1942 to 1946 he was technical adviser to the Harmon Foundation in New York.

Hwang is 33 years old, single, and speaks English and three Chinese dialects.—Associated Press.

States before 1937, although American imports far surpassed those from any one European country.

## Exports Dwindle

Meanwhile, China's export trade is rapidly dwindling to nothing as the cost of production and transportation in this country continues to rise.

The present ratio between import and export business is 100-1, Mr. Chang Hui-chang, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Shanghai Export-Import Trading Guild, reveals, adding that shipments of such popular Chinese commodities as raw silk and bristles are now few and far between.

However, there is no lack of inquiries, especially from the United States, which is said to be particularly interested in tea, wood oil, Manchurian soya bean, hair nets, bristles, raw silk, silk fabric, goat skin, hides, ramie, dried egg, hand-made embroideries, straw braids, cultured pearls, and many other typically Chinese products.—Reuter.

## "HUBBA HUBBA"

Washington, May 18.

Hidoki Tojo finally has learned what Hubba Hubba means. John Fihely, one of the prosecutors in Tojo's trial, said in a letter to friends here that the former Japanese premier asked him the meaning of the American expression. Informed it meant "hurry hurry" Tojo replied "very interesting."

"Often the guards here prod me in the ribs and say 'hubba hubba.' I always thought it meant remember Pearl Harbour."—Associated Press.

Shanghai, May 18. Navy Lieutenant Claude W. Adams, commander of a patrol plane which was pursued by Russian fighters in Manchuria on Feb. 20, was acquitted by a Seventh Fleet general court martial today of violating orders by flying over Russian territory.—Associated Press.

## War History Of Glen Line

The M.V. "Glenapp" is now in Hong Kong loading cargo and embarking passengers for London and other U.K. and North Continental Ports.

This visit signals the resumption of Glen Line sailings to the U.K. from Hong Kong after a lapse of some 4½ years since the service was interrupted by the outbreak of hostilities with the Japanese, and it is the Glen Line's Directors' intention to resume the full pre-war service as soon as conditions permit and they can get their fleet in full running order.

It will be of interest to our readers, many of whom must have travelled or shipped cargo in the vessels of this famous Line during pre-war years, to hear how they have fared during the dangerous days and how many of the fleet have survived.

In 1938/1939 the Company laid down a fleet of eight 19-knot ships, two of which, the "Breconshire" and "Glenorchy," were built in Hong Kong and in addition they had eight older ships regularly engaged on the Far Eastern service, making a total fleet of 16 fine vessels.

During the period of hostilities only three of these ships fell victims to the enemy and one, the "Glenorchy," which was building in Copenhagen when war broke out, remained in German hands and was recovered in 1944 when our forces overran the enemy's country, is now being refitted in the U.K.

Three losses The three losses were the "Glenahel," "Glenorchy," and "Breconshire," the first a vessel of 9,400 tons, built in 1924 and the last two the new ships built in Hong Kong in 1938. The "Glenahel" was sunk by a Japanese torpedo some 800 miles south of Ceylon in April 1942, fortunately without loss of life, while the "Breconshire" and "Glenorchy" were both sunk in 1942 fighting their way through to beleaguered Malta with much needed supplies for the valiant garrison and civil population of the G.C. Island.

## Unfortunate Impression

Washington, May 18.

A member of the House agricultural committee today rebuked the State Department and Mr. Florentino LaGuardia, director of U.N.R.R.A., for stirring up unjust criticism of American efforts in the food crisis, by issuing "misrepresentative statements."

Mr. John Flannagan, Democrat of Virginia, said such statements "are creating the impression abroad that America is not doing its part in relieving hunger." Mr. Flannagan made his statement during an investigation by his committee of world food conditions.

Clinton Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, one of the witnesses, said that American farmers have done "an exceptionally fine job" toward feeding the world's hungry. He estimated that the United States would fall short by only two per cent of meeting this year's promises on grain export.

Mr. Anderson said that it is expected that the United States will deliver for foreign famine relief by June 30, 392,000,000 bushels of grains as compared with promises of 400,000,000 bushels to that date.—Associated Press.

## RUSSIAN WOMAN SCIENTIST

London, May 18.

Ludmila Shvernink, daughter of the Soviet Union's President Nikola Shvernink, who arrived by air in London this afternoon from Berlin for a short visit, will soon be on her way to New York.

An official of the Soviet Embassy here told a reporter: "Miss Shvernink will stay at the Soviet Embassy in London until transport facilities are available for her to travel to the United States. She is a radio engineer, and while working at the Soviet office in New York, she will study the United States radio engineering developments."—Reuter.

## CHETNIK TRIAL

Belgrade, May 18.

The trial of Dr. Mihaljevic, former Yugoslav Chetnik leader, has been postponed until June 10, the Ministry of Information announced last night.

No reason was given for the postponement from the expected day in mid-May, but presumably it was in order to continue preparation of the case.—Associated Press.

## Sabotaged A Jap. Warship

Pearl Harbour, May 18.

Captain S. B. D. Wood, legal officer for the 14th naval district said today that Fireman Second Class Robert Eby pleaded guilty to sabotaging the Japanese heavy cruiser Sakawa and had been sentenced by court martial.

He said the sentence is not to be disclosed, until approved by both Rear-Admiral Hanson, commander of the 14th naval district Hawaii, and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal.

Four other navy enlisted men are under arrest awaiting the filing of specific charges in connection with the sabotage of the Sakawa while it was en route from Japan to Bikini for the atom bomb test as a target.

Lieutenant David Merrill, chief engineer of the former enemy vessel, said the filthy, stinking ship was sabotaged by the men who thus hoped they would be relieved of the unpleasant duty of manning her.

He further said: "Some members of the crew removed the pressure line so as to—overspeed her—trip—valves—thus demolishing the ship's fuel system. There was sand in the oil and water pumps and someone had smashed gauges and tachometers, a hacksaw had cut the high pressure steam engines and the fuel oil manifold valves were smashed."

The Sakawa and the battleship Nagato are both at Bikini now after having run out of fuel during the nightmare voyage from Japan during which they had to be towed part of the way.—Associated Press.

Dublin, May 18. Eire and Sweden will exchange diplomatic representatives in July when the present consulates in the two countries are raised to legation status.—Associated Press.

## GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939 REGISTRATION OF PERSONS

Further to the Government Notice No. 29 of 3rd May, 1946, all Aliens at present in the Colony who are nationals of the undermentioned countries, are hereby required to report in person before the 15th day of June, 1946 (hears—0930—1200, 1430—1630; Sundays, Saturday afternoons and public holidays excepted), at the Registration of Persons Office, 1st floor, Police Headquarters, New Oriental Building (Connaught Road entrance)

## COUNTRIES:

U.S.S.R.  
Czechoslovakia  
Yugo-Slavia  
Poland  
Greece  
Turkey

All stateless persons of whatever nationality.

Aliens of nationalities other than those named, will be advised by notice in the Press when they are required to register under this ordinance.

C. H. SANSOM,

Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, 15th May, 1946.

## LAMBERT BROS.

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## SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS

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## CHURCH NOTICES

19th May 1946, 4th Sunday After Easter.

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At St. Joseph's Church, Masses at 7.00 and 9.30 a.m. Sermon: "Our Lady Refuge of Sinners". Father Moranahan, S.J. Mass at 5.30 p.m. Weekdays. At the Catholic Centre, Holy Mass at 7.30 a.m. Wednesdays. Holy Mass at 5.30 p.m.

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(10, Garden Rd. Tel. 22674). Morning Services: At 6.00 Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 7.00 Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.00 Choral Mass (sermon in English); at 10.00 Choral Mass (sermon in English). At 3.00 p.m. Catechism classes; at 4.00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction. Friday, Our Lady "Help of Christians". High Mass in honour of Our Lady at 7.30 a.m. Weekdays. Masses at 6.00, 7.00 and 7.30 a.m.

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(5, Garden Rd. Tel. 23992). Choral Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction at 8.30 a.m. Saturday. Confessions will be heard in the afternoon. Weekdays. Holy Mass at 8.00 a.m.

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(Happy Valley, Tel. 27807). At 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 7.30 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.00 a.m. Choral Mass (sermon in English); at 3.00 p.m. Benediction; Catholic Action Meetings.

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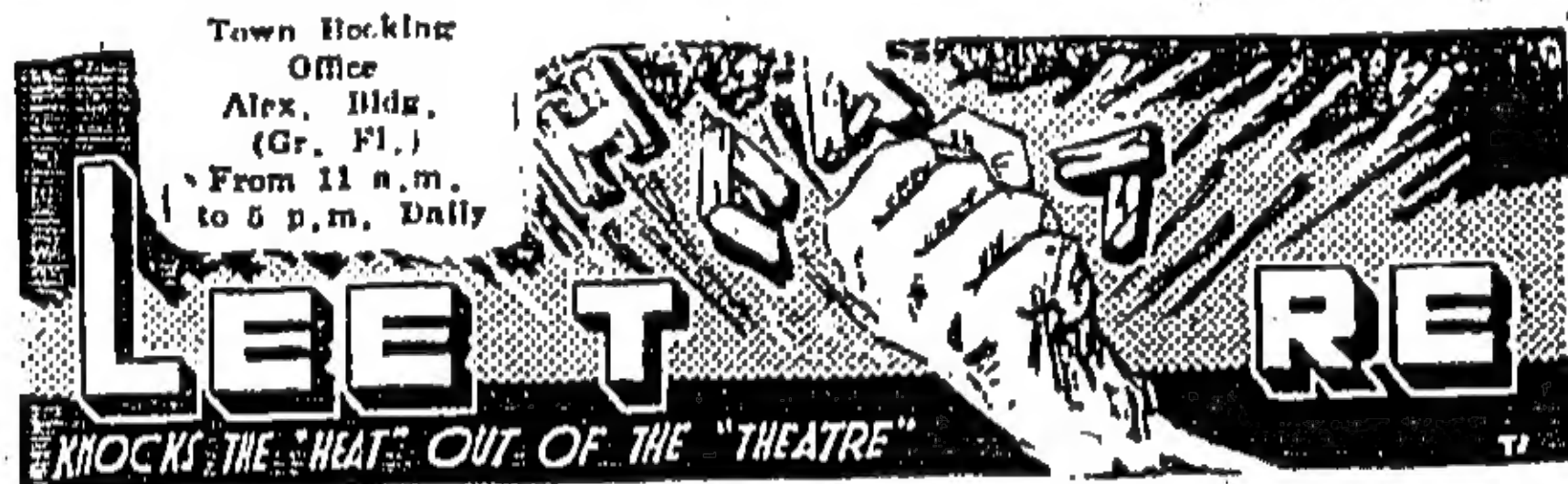




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## GENERAL FRANCO'S PLAN TO SEIZE GIBRALTAR

LONDON, MAY 18.

MOSCOW RADIO TODAY BROADCAST A STATEMENT DESCRIBED AS COMING FROM THE FORMER GERMAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN MADRID AND TANCIER, GENERAL KRAPPE AND COLONEL REMER, NOW PRISONERS IN RUSSIA; DECLARING THAT THE SPANISH PLAN TO SEIZE GIBRALTAR WAS "ABANDONED ONLY BECAUSE HITLER REJECTED THE SCHEME TO INVADE BRITAIN IN FAVOUR OF ATTACKING RUSSIA."

IT SAID SPAIN PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY ON GERMAN'S SIDE DURING THE WAR AND THE SPANISH "BLUE" DIVISION, WHICH FOUGHT AGAINST RUSSIA, WAS FORMED ON DIRECT ORDERS FROM BERLIN.

"High-ranking German officers disguised in Spanish uniforms made use of Spanish neutral planes," the statement said.

"Spanish" radio stations were placed at the disposal of the German military and naval authorities for transmission of information to their armed forces.

The statement added: "In October 1940, the German military attaché in Madrid told Colonel Remer that a Spanish division was ready to storm and would seize the rock of Gibraltar in 20 minutes. The last date on which it was proposed to attack Gibraltar was Jan. 10, 1941."

"According to the plan 'Isabella Fell,' the name given to the operation in which Spain would join in the war, Spanish and Moroccan were to be reinforced by a German Alpine Division, artillery and Air Force formations."

"Spanish Morocco was to be extended along the Sebti River and to include Oran. A mixed Spanish-German force was to be ready to oppose any allied landing in Portugal."

Moscow newspapers published the statement under banner headlines, the radio said.

The radio quoted the statement as saying: "With the Spanish General Staff's consent a counter intelligence branch was established on the premises of the German Embassy in Madrid."

"The Spanish intelligence services supplied Remer with advance information on Anglo-American North African landings."

Report On England

"The German Naval Observation service was allowed by the Spanish authorities to be maintained on the coast of Spanish Morocco, Southern Spain and both shores of the Gibraltar Straits, as a result of which many British and Allied ships were lost."

"In the summer of 1942 the

## Russians Board An L.S.T.

Tokyo, May 17.  
A Russian patrol craft halted and boarded off Dakar a Japanese manned L.S.T., returning Japanese repatriates from China to Japan early this month, it was learned today.

U.S. Navy Rear-Admiral C. B. Momen, who directs Japanese merchant shipping, said the incident was "no cause for complaint."

According to Momen the L.S.T., which sailed from Taku near Tientsin encountered foul weather and got off course.

Attempting to sight a landfall the Japanese skipper took the L.S.T. toward land and approached Dairen.

The patrol craft inquired of the Japanese what they were doing there, then the L.S.T. proceeded to Japan—Associated Press.

## STRIKE OVER

Sydney, May 18.  
The loading of foodstuffs for Britain and India will be resumed at five major Australian ports on Monday following the settlement of the stevedores' "double-dump" wool bale strike after 12 days.—Associated Press.

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## Swing To The Left In Netherlands

Amsterdam, May 17.

The Dutch electorate will vote today for 100 members of the Second Chamber (lower house) of Parliament in the first indication of Dutch political trends since 1937. Samplings of public opinion by newspapers of divergent views have reflected a general swing to the left, but none has suggested a majority for Socialism.

Most experts predict that the Socialist Labour Party of Prime Minister William Schermerhorn will win 35 to 37 seats.

Second place in the party strength is expected to be won by the Catholic Party, composed largely of middle-of-the-road working people. Experts concede them 30 seats.

The Communists may win up to 10 seats, three times their pre-war representation. Conservative elements are represented in the anti-revolutionary (Calvinist), Christian-historian, and Liberal Parties.

Between them, they may win 23 to 25 seats.

Most observers expect to see a Labour-Catholic coalition as the next government.

Indonesia Question

Socialist candidates are urging a programme of planned economy, mobilising the nation's resources for reconstruction, social insurance and old age pensions.

The Indonesian question was the source of differences between the Labour Party and Conservatives in the campaign. Defending his administration against charges of leniency toward the Indonesians, Mr. Schermerhorn said in a broadcast: "The revolutionary situation in Java is a hard task and the Indonesian revolution is a reality which we have to look at."

Weekly passenger flights between London and Soerabaya via Rome, Nicola, Beirut, Latta and Basra have been started by British Overseas Airways—Associated Press.

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## Shots Fired At Family Train

Frankfurt, May 17.

Two shots were fired on the night of May 14 at a trainload of American women and children en route to join U.S. occupation soldiers in Germany, the U.S. Army has announced, after keeping the incident secret.

No one was injured. This is the first reported attack on dependents of American soldiers. The fatal shooting last Friday of two American soldiers near Nuernberg is still under investigation.

Officers found bicycle tracks leading from the mountain behind which the train attackers could have hidden themselves. So far, 942 dependents of occupation soldiers and civilian workers have arrived in Germany, with nearly half that figure children. Over 8,000 more are expected to reach Europe within a few months.—Associated Press.



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## N.Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, May 17.  
The stock market closed ir-  
regularly lower today, with steel,  
railroad and automobile issues  
losing from slightly under a dollar  
to above one dollar a share as the  
rail strike threatened to han-  
dicap the industrial operations  
already curtailed by the coal  
strike.

Dow Jones Averages: 70.71  
30 Industrials: 206.86  
20 Rails: 63.00  
American Tobacco \$100, Ameri-  
can Waterworks \$24, Anaconda  
Copper \$40, Aviation Corpora-  
tion \$10, Baldwin \$34, Barn-  
dall \$30, Bendix Aviation \$46,  
Bethlehem Steel \$105, Boeing  
\$27, Borden Co. \$54, Canadian  
Pacific \$18, J.I. Case \$36, Chry-  
sler \$128, Commercial Solvents  
\$25, Corn Products \$60, Dupont  
\$21, Eastman Kodak \$27, Elec-  
tric Light & Power \$27, General  
Electric \$40, General Motors  
\$71, Goodrich \$73, Goodyear  
\$72, Homestake Mining \$48,  
International Paper \$40, Inter-  
national Tel. & Tel. \$26, Johns  
Manville \$154, Kennecott Copper  
\$57, Montgomery Ward \$97, Na-  
tional Distillers \$54, National  
Lead \$38, New York Central RR  
\$25, Packard Motors \$9, Pan  
American Airways \$20, Pennsylv-  
ania RR \$41, Radio Corpora-  
tion \$15, Real Silk \$20, Republic  
Steel \$35, Reynolds Tobacco  
\$44, Schenley \$82, Sears Ro-  
buck \$44, Shell Oil \$40, So-  
cony Vacuum \$10, Southern  
Pacific \$61, Standard Brands  
\$53, Standard Oil of Calif. \$57,  
Standard Oil of New Jersey \$77,  
Union Carbide \$118, U.S. Rubber  
\$73, U.S. Steel \$35, Westinghouse  
\$35, Youngstown Sheet & Tube  
\$76.—Associated Press.

## SECURITIES OFFER

New York, May 16.  
Securities aggregating nearly  
\$128,000,000 have been publicly  
offered by underwriters. It was  
reported today, the largest being  
the \$85,000,000 Standard Oil of  
New Jersey 25-year 2-3/8 per cent  
debentures at \$98 and interest.  
The proceeds will be used to  
redeem an equal amount of the  
25-year three per cent debentures  
at \$101.

The syndicate closed its sub-  
scription books shortly after they  
opened.—Associated Press.

## WILLYS SHUTDOWN

Toledo, Ohio, May 18.  
Shortage of automobile parts  
will force a shutdown tonight of  
the Willys-Overland Motors plants,  
an official announcement said to-  
day.  
The shutdown will throw over  
3,600 persons out of work, in-  
creasing to 10,000 the number of  
the idle as a result of the coal  
strike and steel shortage.—Asso-  
ciated Press.

Havana, May 16.  
Drought has seriously dimin-  
ished Cuba's 1946 sugar crop. Ori-  
ginally estimated at 4,700,000  
tons, this has been reduced to  
about 4,550,000 to 4,600,000 tons  
a decrease of 100,000 to 150,000  
tons.—Associated Press.

## Russia's Trade Sphere

## Domination Of Eastern Europe

(By CLARKE BEACH)

WASHINGTON, MAY 18.

RUSSIA MAY BE EXPECTED TO DOMINATE EXPORT-  
IMPORT COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANS-  
PORT IN POLAND, BULGARIA, HUNGARY,  
RUMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, IN THE OPINION  
OF EXPERTS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COM-  
MERCE.

THE AMERICANS DO NOT EXPECT RUSSIA TO BE A  
STRONG COMPETITOR IN OTHER MARKETS FOR  
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, HOWEVER.

## BRIDGE NOTES

"Is it over right to bid a Grand  
Slam when a finesse is needed to  
make it? We did that," a Chicago  
reader sorrowfully writes, "and  
the finesse didn't work. Please  
tell us whether that was just hard  
luck or whether our bidding was  
unsound."

South, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable  
B. K 10 9 7 8  
H. A 6  
D. A 7 10 6 3  
C. 7

B. 4  
H. K Q J 7 6  
D. 9 5  
C. 10 8 5 2

B. A Q J 8 6  
H. 8 4  
D. Q 4  
C. A K Q J

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1S 2H 3H Pass  
4C Pass 6S Pass  
7S Pass Pass Pass

It is not right to bid a Grand  
Slam when you know a finesse  
will be needed to make the con-  
tract. An unsuccessful Grand  
Slam loses not only the few points  
scored by the opponents, but also  
the score you could have made for  
a successful Small Slam. The  
gain for the Grand Slam is set;  
so you need much better than the  
even chance offered by a finesse.

It's true, nevertheless, that ex-  
perts will occasionally bid a  
Grand Slam in which a finesse is  
needed. But the finesse could not  
be predicted during the bidding.  
The expert's reasoning was: "This  
contract ought to be an absolute  
lay-down and only at worst will  
I need a finesse." Such a Grand  
Slam is not at all unreasonable.

As to the hand in question, we  
think that North did too much  
bidding. His bid of three hearts  
over West's overall was a Slam  
try in itself. Having announced  
that he was interested in a Slam,  
North could then relax and leave  
the rest of South. Over four  
clubs North should have bid only  
four spades—or, at most, five  
spades. Then South would have  
bid six spades and all would have  
been satisfactory. But when  
North showed control of hearts,  
exceptional spade support, plus a  
willingness to play for twelve  
tricks even if South had only a  
fair opening bid which included  
the club Ace—when North showed  
this optimism South was justified  
in thinking that a Grand Slam  
was an absolute lay-down.

Yesterday you were Howard  
Schenken's partner and, with both  
sides vulnerable, you held:

S 7 8 2  
H 8 4  
D A Q J 7 6  
C K 8 3

The bidding:  
Schenken Jacoby You Major  
1S Pass (7)  
ANSWER: Bid two diamonds.

You have a fairly strong hand  
and can well afford this explora-  
tory response.

Score 100 per cent for two dia-  
monds, 0 for any other bid.

## Question

Today you hold the same hand,  
and the bidding continues:

Schenken Jacoby You Major  
2S Pass (7)  
1S Pass 2D Pass  
What do you bid? (Answer  
Tomorrow.)

## U. S. COTTON

New York, May 17.  
The cotton futures market to-  
day was reactionary under per-  
sistent pressure of profit-selling  
which was attributed mostly to  
hedging against purchases of  
cotton from government.

July \$27.15/16, October \$27.33,  
December \$27.50, March \$27.02,  
May (1947) \$27.06 bid, July  
(1947) \$27.55 bid, Middling Spot  
\$27.76.

New Orleans Cotton: July  
\$27.10, October \$27.35/36, Decem-  
ber \$27.48, March \$27.02, May  
(1947) \$27.50/57.—Associated  
Press.

## N. Y. EXCHANGES

New York, May 17.  
New York Foreign Exchanges:  
—T.T. on Montreal \$0.00.75, Lon-  
don \$4.03 3/4, Paris \$0.84 1/4, Buenos  
Aires (free market) \$24.40, Ri-  
o de Janeiro \$5.25, Mexico \$20.00,  
Amsterdam (float) \$37.00, Bras-  
ilia \$22.00, Batavia (gold) \$37.00,  
Singapore \$47.80, Bombay  
\$30.35, Hong Kong \$35.35.—Asso-  
ciated Press.

Secretary of Commerce  
Henry Wallace told me in an  
interview:

"The Russians will be no  
peril to use in international  
trade until they come on the  
market with competitive goods.  
Russian trade is not going to  
give us any trouble, in your  
lifetime or mine."

The Russians, Secretary Wal-  
lace said, have few finished pro-  
ducts to export. Whatever they  
manufacture is needed in  
Russia. Therefore, Russia is  
expected to export only sufficient  
merchandise to provide credit  
for purchases of essential for-  
eign goods. From other nations

Russia needs chiefly machinery.  
E. C. Ropes, chief of the Rus-  
sian unit in the Department of  
Commerce, believe that for at  
least a generation Russia's in-  
dustrial capacity will not keep  
pace with demands of her own  
people.

## Replacing Germany

Ropes believes, nevertheless,  
that Russia will extend her  
commercial influence in Central  
Europe, where Germany form-  
erly was dominant.

In Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary,  
Rumania and Yugoslavia, Ropes  
said, "the Russians may be ex-  
pected to be favoured in many  
ways and to occupy a preferred  
economic position, even a mono-  
polistic one, in industry, trans-  
port and foreign trade."

A Berlin dispatch reports  
that the Deschimag Shipyards  
of Bremen are being transpor-  
ted to Russia, as reparations un-  
der the Potsdam agreement  
with United States and Britain.  
Approximately six shipyards of  
facilities will be removed.

**Daimler-Benz**  
The Deschimag Shipyards  
produced cargo vessels up to  
10,000 tons and tankers up to  
15,000 tons. The facilities were  
described as in good condition  
despite Allied bombings.

Russia also will receive the  
Kugel ballbearing works, valued  
at 25,000,000 pre-war marks, 15  
railroad carloads of machinery  
from a Bavarian electric power  
plant worth about 10,000,000  
marks before the war, and the  
Daimler-Benz aircraft engine  
factory from near Obergheim.  
—Associated Press.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

## Arrivals

Yesterday:—U.S.S. Raby from  
Shanghai, S.S. Fort Amsterdam,  
H.M.S. Crane from Pratas, F.S.  
Fantasque from Saigon and U.S.  
Task Unit 78.12.36 from Shang-  
hai.

## Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—S.S. Stanhall from  
Singapore, H.M.S. Manxman from  
Yokohama, U.S.S. Crag from  
Guam, Sam Dauntless from Milke,  
H.M.S. Bigbury Bay from Lau-  
Tau, H.M.S. Contest from Shang-  
hai and U.S.S. Parks.

Tomorrow:—H.M.S. Hart from  
Macdo.

## Departures

Yesterday:—H.S. Empire Clyde  
with H.M.S. Entair for Hainan,  
U.S.S. Tekesta towing Lighter for  
Subic, S.S. Newchwang for  
Shanghai, S.S. Menestheus for  
Singapore and S.S. Bengal for  
Shanghai.

## Scheduled Departures

Today:—all  
Tomorrow:—H.M.S. Swiftsure  
for Singapore.

## GRAIN MARKETS

Chicago, May 17.  
May Rye today set a record  
for its continuous daily limit drop  
and oats slumped as much as two  
cents. Other grains were firm  
with November barley advancing  
five cents to a ceiling price.

Wheat:—August delivery  
\$1.08 1/2.  
Oats:—August delivery \$0.83 1/2.

May delivery \$2.32 1/2.

All other grain prices in the  
Chicago market unchanged.

Winnipeg Rye Market:—May  
\$2.58 asked, July \$2.43 1/2, October  
\$2.14 1/2, December \$2.05 1/2.—Asso-  
ciated Press.

New York, May 16.  
The American Telephone and  
Telegraph today declared the  
usual \$2.25 quarterly dividend  
payable on July 15 to holders on  
record on June 6. The payment  
involves \$45,700,000.—Associated  
Press.

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SAMDART From Vizagapatam and Calcutta 21st May

## SAILINGS

S.S. WINGSANG to Shanghai 21st May  
S.S. HINSANG to Sandakan 16th June

## IN PORT

S.S. KWAI SANG Kowloon Dock  
S.S. WINGSANG Custodian's Wharf  
(Former OSK)

All the above subject to alteration without notice.

All intending Passengers are requested to register their names as  
far as possible in advance of the time at which they wish to leave.

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m.v. GLENOGLE Due from United Kingdom about 20th May  
s.s. EMPIRE PARK Due from United Kingdom about 27th May  
m.v. GLENAPP Sailing for U.K., Antwerp, Amsterdam, Rotterdam  
About 22nd May

Managing Agents

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24th May  
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S.S. "HANYANG" Noon 20th May  
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S.S. "HUPEH" (No passengers) Noon 20th May

SAILING FOR BANGKOK

S.S. "NINGHAI" (No passengers) 31st May

SAILING TO SINGAPORE & PENANG

S.S. "ANHUI" 4 p.m. 21st May

SAILING TO CANTON

S.S. "FATSHAN" 10 a.m. 22nd May

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"STANHALL"	Karachi	May 19th
"SAMTYNE"	Karachi & Bombay	May 25th

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Sailings to Straits and India

## EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

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"KENILWORTH"	Sydney	May 22nd

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ADRASTUS	6th June
CLENEINLAS	7th June
LAOMEDON	20th June

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LAOMEDON	do	early June
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